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Mr. Mike Cole
Chairman
City – County Board of Health for Lincoln County
512 California Avenue
Libby, Montana 59923

RE: Superfund Cooperative Agreement V96803401

Dear Mr. Cole:

This is formal notification that the US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA), is imposing a temporary hold on payments under the Superfund Cooperative Agreement number V96803401. The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners has requested EPA's assistance in this matter and has shared information indicating a possible failure to comply with statutes, regulations and/or terms and conditions applicable to this Cooperative Agreement. The EPA will closely review the information provided and will then identify the next steps. Regulations applicable to the EPA's review include:

- 40 C.F.R. part 35, subpart O (including 40 C.F.R. §§ 35.6270-35.6290)
- Office of Management and Budget Uniform Grant Guidance 2 C.F.R. parts 200 and 1500
- 40 C.F.R. part 31 (for funding obligated prior to December 26, 2014)
- OMB Circular A-87 (including Attachment B, Sections 10 and 32)
- Other regulations and authorities determined to be relevant during the review

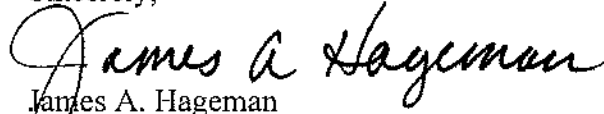
If you disagree with the action being taken in this letter, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 35.6770, you may initiate an appeal. The relevant dispute process is set forth in 2 C.F.R. part 1500, subpart E. You may dispute this decision by submitting an electronic appeal via email to the Disputes Decision Official, Rick Buhl, at Buhl.Rick@epa.gov within 30 calendar days from the date of this decision letter. Your appeal must include:

- (1) A copy of this decision letter;
- (2) A detailed statement of the specific legal and factual grounds for the appeal, including copies or any supporting documents;

- (3) The specific remedy or relief sought under the appeal; and
- (4) The name and contact information, including email address, of your designated point of contact for the appeal.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me (303) 312-6005 or via email at Hageman.James@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



James A. Hageman
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